

What is claimed is:

1. An original document sheet conveyance device comprising:

(a) a sheet feeding tray on which document sheets are stacked;

(b) a stopping member against which leading edges of the stacked document sheets in a conveyance direction thereof hit;

(c) a sheet feeding member for feeding the document sheets in the order from a top thereof;

(d) a separation and conveyance member for separating a single sheet from the fed document sheets and feeding the separated sheet;

(e) a stopper provided between the sheet feeding member and the separation and conveyance member, for preventing the document sheet from moving toward the separation and conveyance member;

(f) a switching member provided downstream of the separation and conveyance member, for switching a conveyance path of the document sheet;

(g) a working member for enabling the stopper to move from a stop position at which the document sheet is prevented

from advancing to a retreat position at which the document sheet advances;

(h) an interlocking member for moving the working member when the switching member is operated; and

(i) a drive member for driving the working member.

2. The document sheet conveyance device of claim 1, further comprising a registration roller provided downstream of the separation and conveyance member and upstream of the switching member, for controlling movement of the document sheet.

3. The document sheet conveyance device of claim 1, further comprising a first conveyance path for a one-sided reading and a second conveyance path for a two-sided reading, wherein the switching member switches the document sheet between the first and second conveyance path to guide the document sheet.